

The Southeast News

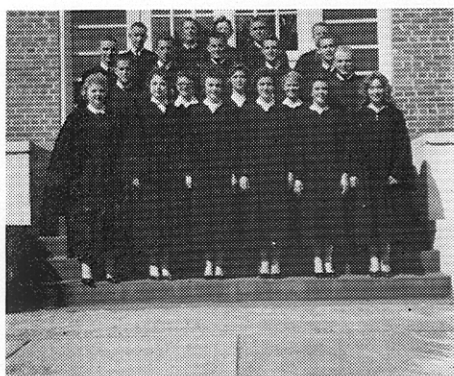
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SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE



1959 S. U. C. CHOIR

The above picture was taken of the choir during the first quarter. Since that time several other students have joined the choir and the total number now is approximately 25, there being more men than women singers.

The director of the 1959 choir is Miss Grace Crump of Mart, Texas. Miss Crump is an excellent musician, having had many years of experience in directing choirs. She has her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music and has done further graduate study in the Julliard School of Music in New York.

The choir has already made several trips and will make many more during the remaining part of the winter and spring quarters. They will also present a full program or recital of music at the college before the year is gone. The accompanist for the choir is Miss Ermaleen Graham.

The choir furnishes the music at the monthly community - college vesper services. The processional and the choral responses have been most effective and meaningful, adding much to the spirit of worship. If you have not heard the choir or would like for them to visit your church or community, write Miss Crump today.

New Faculty Members

Three new faculty members have been added for 1959; Jack Johnson, a native of Gadsden, will teach the courses in engineering and chemistry. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the Gadsden High School and has a Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He was active in many of the extra-curricular activities while in Auburn and is a welcome addition to the faculty. Mr. Johnson is single and will live in one of the newly acquired trailers.

Mr. Tom Radney will teach American History and Business Law. Mr.

Laymen Meet February 28

Laymen of the churches of the East Alabama and West Georgia area will hold their quarterly meeting at the dining hall of Southern Union College on Saturday night, February 28, 1959. Their wives or girl friends will accompany them.

Mr. Willie McGill of Lanett, Alabama, is the President of these fine laymen and will preside over the meeting. The men are the guests of the college on this occasion as all of the proceeds from the dinner, hopefully set at \$5.00 a couple, go toward paying the balance due on the Field House project. (See article in next column on this page for full details).

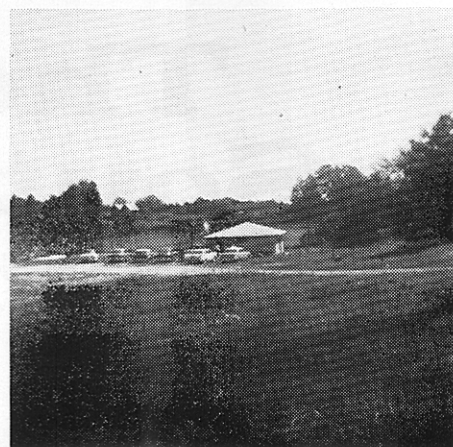
The laymen have long been interested in the college, having held many of their meetings on the campus and co-operated in many ways in supporting the college. (All men are urged to be present at the February 28 meeting.)



KIMBALL HALL

Radney is a native of Wadley, a graduate of Wadley High School, has both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, his major being history. Mr. Radney received a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Alabama Law School and is a member of the Alabama Bar as well as the American Bar Association.

Mrs. Clara Hall Payne is the new instructor of Physical Education for women students. Mrs. Payne is a native of Bellamy, Alabama, a graduate of the class of 1956 of Livingston High School. Mrs. Payne was very active in extra-curricular activities in high school, specializing in sports. She is married to Perry L. Payne, a student at Southern Union College. The Paynes have two sons.



Field House Almost Finished

The Field House, a project sponsored solely by the men of the Congregational Christian Churches of East Alabama and West Georgia, is nearing completion, thanks to the special efforts of President Willie McGill of Lanett.

The Field House is a 30 x 40 concrete block building, with dressing rooms, showers and toilet facilities for both men and women. It is located near the present college swimming pool and baseball field. This building will meet a real need at the college as it has practically no such facilities at present.

The men have raised over \$2,000 to pay for the materials used in the building and have furnished all the labor themselves. The remaining work includes connecting the plumbing fixtures, hanging the doors and putting the window panes in place.

Although not complete, the building was used during the early part of the football season until the weather and water were too cold for unheated showers. The athletes, as well as the coaches, were loud in expressing their appreciation for the building and its conveniences.

If you haven't seen the field house, stop by on your next visit and look it over. While on the campus, be sure to see the other room in the basement under the main building, which was used in the past.

Aversion from reproof is not wise. It is the mark of a little mind. A great man can afford to lose; a little insignificant fellow is afraid of being snuffed out.

—Robert Cecil

February Is S. U. C. Month

Southern Union College is both proud and happy that February has been recommended for special emphasis of the college.

The women's trios (2 of them), the men's quartet and the college choir have several engagements, including LaGrange, Georgia, Lanett, Alabama, and Roanoke, Alabama. Dean Van Cleave is to be the speaker at the Roanoke Church where Charles Bell, an SUC graduate, is the pastor.

Special offering envelopes are available from the college for any church that wishes to use them. One pastor reported that his people always gave a larger offering when special envelopes were used.

The college, including the students and faculty members, will be happy to visit any church or organization within the church in the Convention, not only during the month of February, but any month of the year when school is in session.

Sincere gratitude is due all churches which have placed SUC in the annual budget for \$1.00 per member per year. Although official receipts and letters of appreciation are mailed to every church, especially the secretary or treasurer forwarding the check, our thanks go to all the people who have an interest in and support the college.

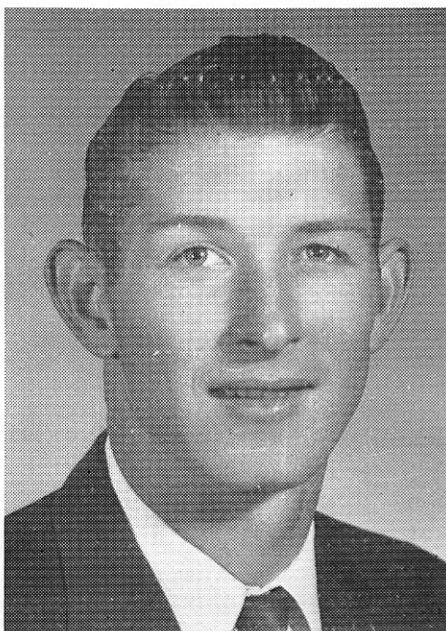
Let's make February a great month. It will help make Southern Union a better college.

Trailers On The Campus

Southern Union College proudly owns 5 trailers which have been secured from Alabama Surplus Property to help alleviate the housing shortage on the campus.

The trailers are 26 feet long, have a living room with settee which can be made into a double bed, gas stove with oven, electric refrigerator, a gas heating stove with blowers, a bath with shower, two single bunk beds, closets, and full size double bed with box springs and inner-spring mattress. The trailers can accommodate 4 persons with ease.

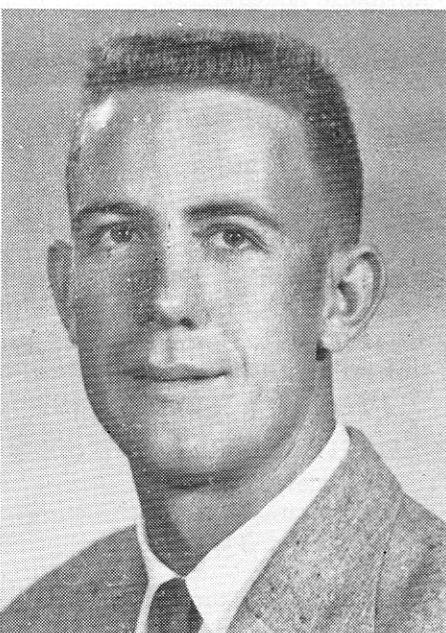
Two of the trailers have been placed at the end of Pilgrim Hall and will be used to house women students and women staff or faculty. The other three trailers have been placed at the north side of Kimball Hall and will house married students, male faculty members and male students.



ALFRED BENTLEY

Bentley And Fussell Selected To JUCO All American Squad

Alfred "Tot" Bentley and Richard Fussell, sophomore end and quarterback for the SUC Bisons, were named to the All-American Junior College Football Squad by the Selection Committee of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Bentley and Fussell made the pre-Christmas trip to California and participated in the East-



RICHARD FUSSELL

Echoes From Southern Union College

Walter A. Graham, President

Another new year and another new quarter of college work have begun for more than 200 students at Southern Union. They come from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The dormitories are full and the trailers (see full details in article in first column on this page) will be also when they are completely hooked up.

The basketball team is rounding out a good season, winning a few more games at this point than they have lost. Coach Nofflet Williams has an excellent group of boys and we urge everyone to see as many games as possible. Win or lose, you will see a lot of good college style basketball.

Attendance at the American Association of Colleges Annual Meeting at Kansas City, Missouri, recently was a real pleasure. In talking with other college presidents and listening to the addresses and discussions, it appears that all colleges have about the same problems, the main difference being in degree or amount.

All private or independent, including church related, colleges are facing many difficult problems, not the least of which are finances and the need for improving and enlarging buildings, staff and faculty to meet the increased enrollments. State legislatures are working overtime to increase state owned and controlled schools and their budgets.

Make no mistake about it, church related colleges can do a better job of Christian education than state owned schools. There is a freedom in teaching religion as well as presenting all other subjects in a Christian atmosphere that state controlled schools are prevented from exercising.

A sincere word of thanks is expressed to all the churches, the men and women's groups and the individuals who continue to support the college with their prayers and gifts. We could not operate without them and we are grateful. Truly, no place can do so much with so little as Southern Union.

West game. This is the second year that Bentley has been given this national honor.

Bentley is from Greenville, Alabama and Fussell is from Georgiana, Alabama. Both men are married.

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Superintendent's Corner

This issue of THE SOUTHEAST NEWS is dedicated to THE SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE. Each of us remembers that the college is the child of the Congregational Christian Churches of this area (of course, originally of the churches of the Southern Christian Convention) and naturally looks to her parents for support.

After reading the various articles about activities at the college and looking at the interesting pictures, we hope that you will organize a group from your church to go and visit the college. We also hope you will work to have representatives of the college invited to visit your church.

During the past year our churches have increased their gifts to the college. More churches have made contributions to the college than had been the case in recent years. This is all to the good and it is encouraging to the college.

However, we are still far short of the goal of \$1 per member per year for Southern Union College. Therefore, we hope that each of you will do everything possible to see to it that your church reaches that goal this year.

Superintendent's Schedule

February 10-11 — Planning Conference
Southern Ministers Retreat, Franklinton Center

February 15 — Installation Services
Phenix City, Russell Woods and Phenix City, First

February 24-26 — Southeast Regional

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1958 - December 31, 1958

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance as of January 1, 1958	\$ 4,001.63
Board of Home Missions appro. to Budget	15,865.42
Board of Home Missions, Student Summer Service	800.00
Miscellaneous Receipts, Budgeted	2,217.59

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Central Alabama Association	\$ 398.77
East Alabama Association	6,260.86
North Alabama Association	1,659.15
S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Assoc.	1,301.51
Georgia - S. C. Conference	8,984.59
Kentucky - Tennessee Conf.	8,164.28
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	\$26,769.16

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS UNBUDGETED

Board of Home Missions Church Aid	\$18,408.33
For Veterans of the Cross	560.62
For Southern Union College	1,415.20
For Cong'l. Christian Foundation	560.00
Per Capita Dues 1958	1,569.72
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,222.61
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	25,736.48
Plus Salary Deductions	568.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<hr/>
	\$75,958.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$11,801.91
Office Supplies	988.43
Office Rent, Telephone and Telegraph	885.12
Travel (Supt. and Min. Christian Ed.)	4,650.13
Board of Directors	958.75
Committees	495.42
Parsonage Note, Int. & Upkeep	1,370.90
Promotion	34.71
Southeast News	1,312.98
Student Summer Service Program	970.64
Miscellaneous Budgeted Accounts	6,886.26
Aid to Churches	7,877.19
National Boards & Agencies (OCWM)	7,550.91
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	\$45,783.35

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS UNBUDGETED

Bd. Home Missions Aid to Churches	18,558.31
Southern Union College from Churches	1,219.65
Congregational Christian Foundation	560.00
Per Capita Dues to General Council, 1958	1,939.48
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,951.42
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	\$26,228.86
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<hr/>
	\$72,012.21

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	\$75,958.97
Total Disbursements	72,012.21
Balance Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 3,946.76

Meeting, Franklinton Center	Lanett
February 28 - March 1 — Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship,	March 9-13 — Leadership Training Conference, Eatonton, Ga.

Mrs. W. T. M. Cook, Calif., Nat'l. Women's President

Mrs. W. T. M. Cook of Santa Anna, California, has been elected national president of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women. She will serve two years.

The election was held in connection with the mid-winter meeting of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Mrs. Cook succeeds Mrs. W. B. Williams, Newport News, Virginia, as head of the women's organization which functions in all states of the union, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The new president of the 800,000 member organization has held numerous positions in her denomination locally, regionally and nationally.

She became the first woman moderator of the Congregational Christian Conference of Southern California and the Southwest in that organization's seventy-year history and presently serves on its board of directors. She is a director of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions, a corporate member of the Board for Home Missions, United Church of Christ; a member of the Corporation of Congregational Homes in Pomona, California, and formerly served six years on the Corporation of Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California.

She has taught Sunday school and been church school superintendent in her local church.

Following graduation from Pomona College, magna cum laude with membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the former Mary Davies taught a year in Arizona before marrying a college classmate, Melvin Cook. Mr. Cook is associated with the sales department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Cooks have three children. Their daughters, Mrs. Hyla Acheson and Mrs. Barbara Pottharst, hold doctoral degrees in biochemistry and psychology, respectively. A son, Stanley, is doing graduate work in petroleum engineering at Stanford University.

In addition to the new president, Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, Birmingham, Alabama, long active in her denomination and community, particularly in race relations work, was elected a vice-president.

Mrs. L. T. Schoen, Wells, Minnesota, moderator of the Minnesota Congregational Christian Conference and a national leader in the church, was elected national stewardship chairman of the Fellowship.

MORE ABOUT SOUTHERN UNION

Pilgrim Hall Addition

Pilgrim Hall, only one year old, is to have its facilities increased by the addition of 8 more rooms in order to partially meet the need for dormitory space for women students.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees voted at its last meeting to proceed with this project as soon as possible.

Pilgrim Hall was built during 1957, placed in use for the fall quarter of 1957, and has been completely filled since that date. The cost of construction was approximately \$53,000, or a little over \$2,000 for each of the 26 students provided for. (The National average, allowed by the Federal Government and paid by most institutions, is from \$3,750 to \$4,500 per unit).

Pilgrim Hall was made possible by contributions from all over the United States. The proposed addition, estimated to cost \$12,500, must of necessity be financed the same way. No work will be started until the funds are in hand.

The furnishings for the rooms are estimated to be \$350 each, or a total of \$2,800 for the 8 rooms. Contributions will be welcomed either for an entire room or a part. Why not furnish a room as a memorial to a person or a group within your church? Write the President today.

Your contribution to the addition or the furnishings will be most welcomed. Whether large or small, it will be greatly appreciated. It will bring you an official receipt and a letter of sincere appreciation. Let's build together.

Bentley Recruiting

Mr. Earl Bentley, head coach of football and baseball, teacher of the men's Physical Education Courses, is also the Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Southern Union College.

Earl not only knows more of the High School students of the college-served area but is known by more principals, teachers and students than any other college representative in the entire area.

"Coach", as Mr. Bentley is affectionately called, has been visiting the high schools and not only talking with the members of the various senior classes but appearing before the entire student body as well as speaking at various kinds of banquets and meetings given

Minister's Convocations

Approximately 30 ministers attended the convocation held last November. The college was happy to have these men use its facilities and sincerely regrets the fact that all of them can not be housed on the campus and also hold all of their meetings in the college buildings. Perhaps someday that will come.

Dr. Nathaniel Guptill, associate minister and secretary of the General Council, from New York was the main leader. He and Superintendent Lightbourne occupied the guest room in the president's new home. Mr. Guptill spoke to the students at the regular chapel program. Reverend Carroll Lewis was also a leader.

The next convocation will be held during the first week in May. All ministers are urged to set aside this period and make plans to attend. The temporary relief from a busy life, the fellowship with other ministers, the challenge to hear something different, the chance to mingle with the faculty and students of the college as well as many other indirect benefits will all be yours if you attend.

Churches are urged to make it possible for their ministers to attend. Full details of the next convocation will be mailed at a later date.

by the schools.

"Coach" has often been accompanied by a group of the students who present a most interesting variety program, the "Wailing Sophomores", the men's quartet, the women's trio, and several single numbers.

Applications are already being received for entrance in the fall quarter of 1959. Ministers and other church leaders who know of promising young men and women who ought to attend college are urged to have them contact Mr. Bentley in person or by letter.

Langdale Church can point to the following men from its congregation who are serving as preachers today: Lynwood Hubbard in N. C.; E. S. Fetter in Alabama; Aubrey Manley in Alabama and Georgia; Howard Morris in Ohio; Winford L. Walters at Bethel, West Point, Ga.; John Wilder at Forrest Home.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .



Grouped about the Rev. Otto Culpepper, pastor of the Enigma Church, at the time of his ordination, Jan. 4, are (l. to r.) the Revs. Yancey Sears, H. V. Boruff, Robert Hendrix, Culpepper, Henry Abbott, and J. H. Lighbourne Jr., who delivered the ordination sermon.

Otto Culpepper Ordained To Christian Ministry

The Reverend James H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention, was guest speaker on January 4th at the 11:00 o'clock service. Supt. Lightbourne delivered a very inspiring message to the large crowd assembled to hear him. After the service the ladies of the church served a very fine dinner on the church grounds.

Rev. Otto Culpepper, pastor of the Enigma Church, was ordained into the Christian ministry at an ordination service held at 3:00 in the afternoon, with Supt. Lighbourne preaching the ordination sermon. Ministers participating in this service were the Rev. Robert Hendrix, pastor of Union Hill Church, Pearson, Ga., Rev. Henry Abbotts, pastor of Vanceville Church, Tifton, Ga., Rev. Yancey Sears, supply pastor of Union Hill Church, Pearson, Ga., and Rev. H. V. Boruff, supply pastor of Williams Chapel, Waycross, Ga.

We, the members of the church, are happy that our pastor, Rev. Culpepper, was honored with his ordination, and we ask your prayers that he may continue in the work of the Lord.

Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

Union Grove Engaged In Many Projects

The Congregational Church of Union Grove, near Haleyville, Ala., has received and welcomed several new members over the past few months.

About the activities lately, in November 1958 the Women's Fellowship group met at Mrs. Vida Nation's home and finished a quilt to be given to a needy family.

In December, the Women's Fellowship gave the quilt, along with several boxes and baskets of groceries, fruits, gifts and cash which had been donated and collected, to a needy family, of which one member, the father, is an invalid. Our thanks go to the people of this entire surrounding area for making this drive a very successful one.

Tuesday night, December 23, several friends dropped in and surprised the pastor and his family (the Rev. Robert Shelton) with a little Christmas get-together at the parsonage. After coffee and cookies were served, they presented the family with gifts from church members and friends. Included in the gifts was a nice cash donation.

After Sunday School on the Sunday morning just preceding the holidays, an enjoyable little Christmas program was presented by the young people's group. This program was arranged and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hill. Following this, the pastor gave a beautiful and inspiring message. Lunch was served at noon and singing, a regular event on each third Sunday, was participated in during the afternoon.

On Monday evening, December 22, a group consisting mainly of the young people met at 6:00 P. M. at the church and went Christmas carolling. They sang carols at the homes of four shut-ins. Four young people of the group baked cakes, and these were presented to each home they visited. Mrs. Arnold Bridges was in charge of this program.

The proceeds for charity this year has amounted to about \$160.00. We hope to be able to do this well or better in 1959.

The Women's Fellowship is planning a new project, to begin soon, which is intended to further the completion of the church building interior.

May we share this little prayer with

Society Hill Reports

At Society Hill Church on December 20, 1958, we had a Christmas play called "Singing the Christmas Story." After the play presents were given out and everyone had a wonderful time.

A grass project we set up a few months ago has been successful. Grass was sown over the church ground and it is growing now. We would like to thank everyone who had part in making this project possible.

Our church has made a pledge to give \$36.00 a year to the O. C. W. M. We are thinking of other active missions, too.

Reporter, Bernice Vaughn

New Film Strips Available

Two new film strips are available from the Southeast Convention Office, 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.:

"THE AMERICAN BOARD IN TURKEY": This is a filmstrip with a 33 1/3 speed record telling about our own mission work in Turkey.

"IRAQ AT THE CROSSROADS": This is a filmstrip with a reading script concerning the mission work of the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

A splendid idea for a going-away party for a college student was put into action by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Mt. Grove Church. A party was held for Allen Allred, who is attending Southern Union College, and gifts to furnish his room at college were brought. This is a fine idea and the organization is to be commended.

you for another year? —

"Dear Father of all and above, all, may we pause long enough each day to remember the Cause for Thy coming to earth the first time, to ponder the meaning of Thy teachings, the purpose of Thy death. And help us to take time to look in the direction we are going to see that all earthly efforts — both Yours and mine — will not have been in vain when You come again.

Mrs. Dell Hill

HERE AND THERE

Mrs. E. L. Askren Jr., Atlanta, Mrs. Jettie Logan, Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Rev. Hugh Lasseter, Rev. Charles Bell, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. attended the Mid-Winter Meetings of our National Fellowship at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the last week in January and the first week in February.

Mrs. Askren and Mrs. Logan attended the meetings of the presidents of state Women's Fellowships. Miss Campbell attended these meetings as well as the meetings of convention and conference Christian Education Directors.

Mr. Bell participated in the meetings of the conference and convention chairmen for Missionary Education and Stewardship. Mr. Lasseter was there for the meetings of the state and convention chairmen for the Christian Higher Education Fund. Mr. Lightbourne attended the meetings of the Conference Superintendents and the Council for Christian Social Action.

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Rev. Collie Seymour, 1124 Caroline Ave., Albemarle, N. C., sends greetings to friends in the Southeast Convention. Reports in THE CHRISTIAN SUN indicate much progress at the Albemarle Church.

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The Daisy (Tenn.) Junior Pilgrim Fellowship is having a "White Elephant" sale. Here is a good idea for other organizations for fun and raising money.

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The Southern Union College Choir is to sing at the morning service on February 15 at the United Church, LaGrange, Ga. The Southern Union College Quartet sang at the Family Night Supper on January 30.

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Radio Station WRLD, Lanett, Ala., will broadcast the Sunday morning services of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church during the month of March.

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Mr. Willie McGill, President of the E. Alabama Laymen's Fellowship, and his quartet are heard over the Lanett station each Sunday morning at 8.

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The new building of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, is well under construction. It should be ready for use this

Lord's Acre Club At Vanceville Church

The Vanceville Church met shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday and dedicated the gift of the men's Lord's Acre Club.

This has become an occasion that is

"Why I Do Not Attend The Movies"

Mulling over the timeworn excuses people give for not going to church, the Rev. Grant H. Elford of Lake Crystal, Minn., and Dr. Ronald Meredith, of Fresno, California, on a trip together, compiled this list of reasons.

1. The manager of the theater never called on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there aren't friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask for money.
4. Not all folks live up to the high standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child I've decided I've had all the entertainment I need.
6. The film lasts too long; I can't sit still 2½ hours.
7. I don't agree with all I hear and see.
8. The music isn't very good.
9. The shows are held evenings and Sundays, the only time I can be at home with the family.

— Newsweek

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 24 - 26 — Southeast Regional Meeting, Franklinton Center, N. C.

February 28 - March 1 — S. E. Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, Lanett, Ala.

March 9 - 13 — Leadership Training Conference, Eatonton, Ga.

March 21 — North Georgia Association

April 18 - 19 — Southeast Convention, East Tallassee, Alabama

summer.

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Moderator and Mrs. Phillips, of the General Council, will attend the Southeast Regional Meeting at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C., February 24-26.



looked forward to every year. The dedication follows barbecue and Brunswick stew furnished by the men, and the ladies bring desserts. Usually, one of the men donates a hog and this hog is barbecued on the barbecue pit on the church grounds. Local men make the stew from ingredients collected from the freezer lockers of the church people who donate them.

This club has been active for seven years and the church has profited financially and spiritually through the club. The members of the club who are farmers set aside an acre of corn and contribute the proceeds to the church treasury. The members of the club who do not farm give approximately the average return of those who do farm. This year (1958) the gift will amount to more than \$500.00. There are thirteen members in the club.

After the 1958 dedication service the church members met for a brief business session and adopted, among other things, a budget for 1959, church programs for preaching Sundays, and a calendar schedule which set aside certain Sundays for special services, such as certain Sundays for Soil-Stewardship, Recognition Sunday, when we recognize the officers and teachers of the church and Sunday school. Also, we set the date for our annual revival and voted to let special Sundays that are nationally accepted be recognized.

The members of the Harvest Club shown in the picture above are: Top row, left to right: Leonard Moore, Walter Cooper, W. C. Carpenter Jr., Albert Mixon, Hugh Johnson and Paul Carpenter.

Bottom row, left to right: W. C. Carpenter, who is not a full-fledged member, but who gave the prayer of Dedication, Robert Allen, Lummus Veazy, Jeff Hand, Henry Abbott, Ray Carpenter, and Royal Wood.

One member, W. T. Cooper, was not able to be at the meeting.

Fifth Annual Pilgrim Fellowship Conference Southeast Convention

First PF/YF Conference
The United Church of Christ
Congregational Christian - Evangelical and Reformed

Have you selected your delegates and made your plans to attend the youth conference at Lanett, Feb. 28-March 1, Saturday and Sunday? Registration begins at 8:30 Saturday morning. Fellowship singing begins at 10:00 a. m., and the conference formally opens with the call to order by the acting president, Melvin Roquemore, at 10:30 a. m. The theme chosen, "That We Fail Not Man Nor Thee," is taken from the words of the conference hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory." Rev. John Schofield is the host pastor. The keynote address will be given by the Reverend Harrison McCains, executive director of the Atlanta Christian Council. Reports will be given by John Henley, Peter Sanford and Patsy Yancey concerning the National Council meeting which was held in New York last June. Steveta Green will tell of her experience in attending the International Congregational Council at Hartford.

The afternoon session will include workshops on the various emphases for 1958-1960 for PF/YF program-wise. There will be a special workshop for youth advisors and workers with young people led by the Reverend Leila Anderson. Atlanta Central PF is presenting the one-act play on Mexico, "Heart Sound of a Stranger"; Southern Union College young people will give us some Hawaiian music; Soddy-Daisy will present Alaska; and LaGrange United, the Middle East.

Rev. Harold Henderson of Daisy, Tenn., will have the message Sunday morning and Rev. Carroll Lewis of Langdale, Ala., will conduct the closing installation of officers and communion service Sunday afternoon.

Be sure and send in your total registration to Miss Frances Schofield, 806 S. 10th St., Lanett, Ala., especially if you live more than 200 miles from Lanett and desire home entertainment for Friday night.

One Great Hour Of Sharing Set For Sunday, March 8

"One Great Hour of Sharing" is the principal observance of the United Appeal for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction through which Church World Service aids major Protestant denominations to raise funds for their ministries to those in distress overseas.

The 1959 One Great Hour of Sharing — the eleventh annual observance — will be held in most participating churches on Sunday, March 8.

This year \$11,282,933 will be asked of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in America to sustain their world-wide programs of relief and rehabilitation.

Contributions received will provide emergency food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies to meet needs resulting from disasters, give assistance to hospitals and orphanages, aid resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, sustain widespread supplemental feeding programs among the undernourished, and maintain self-help and other projects.

In their ministries to need overseas, the assistance of the churches is given without question of race, color or creed.

The funds required for the 1959 projects of the denominations concerned, totalling slightly more than \$11,282,933, will make possible a wide range of projects in more than 40 countries in the overseas world.

Because these projects are carried on largely by dedicated, voluntary personnel, they are effected at minimum cost, thus bringing assistance to a maximum number of those in distress.

A portion of the funds realized by the United Appeal will defray costs of processing, shipping and distributing millions of pounds of clothing donated through individual and community church organizations and clothing service centers.

Each minister has received from The Missions Council, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, New York, samples of materials available for use in support of this effort.

Let us remember that just \$1.00 will deliver 300 pounds of food to starving people.

Leadership Training Conference To Be Held

Have you selected someone from your church to attend the Leadership Training Conference at Rock Eagle 4-H Club Camp at Eatonton, Ga. (21 miles NW of Milledgeville)? Have you made plans to help finance this person or persons (\$22.50 each and bring your own sheets and towels)? Have you sent in the registration blank for this person to the Southeast Convention Office? PLEASE TRY TO GET THESE IN ON OR BEFORE MARCH THE FIRST. We need to know how many are planning to attend. Registration begins at 10:00 a. m., Monday, March 9, and the first meal served will be lunch that day. It ends at noon with lunch Friday, March 13, after the closing Communion service.

We must know what we believe before we can lead others. Part of the time of this training session will be used in trying to clarify our basic Christian beliefs, with Rev. Lightbourne as the leader. Rev. Walter Dobler will have the Bible study. These two important studies will be shared by the total group, for they are both basic and essential to all leadership and teaching. The national leaders will bring with them a small library of books and time will be given to browse and talk with the leaders about individual problems and needs. Rev. Leila Anderson will have the group who work with children; Dr. Frances Eastman, the ones who work with young people; and Rev. Walter Dobler for those whose primary concern is with adults.

The daily schedule will run something like this—

- 7:30 Breakfast and clean up
- 8:45 Bible study — Rev. Walter Dobler
- 9:45 Coffee break
- 10:15 Our Basic Christian Beliefs — Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.
- 11:45 Browsing and study
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:45 Rest and study
- 3:00-5:00 Study concerning the age group in which you are interested
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:30-9:00 Request programs suggested by the needs of those who attend
- 9:00 Closing worship and informal fellowship